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Transmittal Letter

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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application
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Title: **Method and Apparatus for Solving Constraints**
Inventors: **Brian E. Lockyear et al.**
Attorney Docket: 06816.0505

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